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Revival of closed Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to reopen the closed airports in the country to ensure air connectivity to small cities of the country under the scheme launched on 21 October, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-limit fixed for the same, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Birsi airport in Gondia district of Maharashtra is being used for the training purpose by the Government, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make available the Birsi airport to the public by developing it under the above scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal for revival of 50 un-served / under-served airports / airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India and Civil enclaves at an estimate cost of Rs. 4500 crores, in three financial years starting from 2017-18. However, the revival of airstrips/airports will be "demand driven", depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions as airports will be developed without insisting on financial viability.

(c): It is being used by the National Flying Training Institute (NFTI) for their Pilot training flights.;

(d) & (e): Birsi Airport has already been included in the tentative list of the un-served airports of the RCS-UDAN.;